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Kent Louviere

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Serial No.: 09/594,528

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application related thereto, or, to the best of applicant's knowledge, before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last.

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Respectfully submitted,

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English-Language Documents:

Issue Date:

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| 1. U. S. Patent No. 4,959,005 to Sorensen | 27 April 1999 |
| 2. U. S. Patent No. 5,015,426 to Maus et al. | 14 May 1991 |
| 3. U. S. Patent No. 5,139,714 to Hettinga | 18 August 1992 |
| 4. U. S. Patent No. 5,346,659 to Buhler et al. | 13 September 1994 |
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| 6. U. S. Patent No. 4,512,475 to Federighi | 23 April 1985 |
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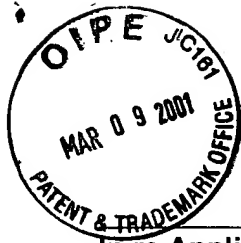
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